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It certainly looks like a state-of-the-art asphalt plant in their video. I am now more curious about the SW Chicago study.

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I saw this segment on Chicago Tonight last night:

<https://news.wttw.com/2020/05/13/amid-pandemic-activists-push-close-mckinley-park-asphalt-plant>

Neighbors are complaining about odors and fumes.

Additional info on their website: <https://matasphalt.com/environment/>

They put links to NAPA sustainability materials at the bottom.

They seem to be a one-plant shop, but you really can't tell from the website. It's an all-electric plant and very new.

Melissa

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Hi Jeff,

I was wondering if you could tell me more about the SW Chicago asphalt plant study that you mentioned on the call yesterday. It sounds like an interesting project, and I'm curious how it came about and what the ultimate goals are.

I'm not sure if we've mentioned this before, but Melissa Hulting and I are leading an ENERGY STAR peer exchange group for asphalt mix plants in conjunction with the National Asphalt Pavement Association (NAPA). NAPA has a strong sustainability program and has been a great partner on this, identifying companies that are interested in tracking and managing their energy. Currently, ENERGY STAR at EPA HQ is funding contractors to develop an "Energy Guide" for asphalt plants to help

identify energy efficiency strategies and areas of opportunity at asphalt mix plants. These SW Chicago asphalt plants, knowing that their emissions and impact on surrounding communities are now being studied, perhaps would be interested in joining the peer exchange group or trying some of the energy efficiency/emissions reduction techniques to improve their standing in the community.

Let me know what you think.

Thanks,

Katie

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